

Indiana Trucking Tips

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Calendar Notes

April 30, 2002

First quarter Motor Carrier Fuel Tax (MCFT-101) and first quarter International Fuel Tax (IFTA-101) returns are due.

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First quarter Proportional Use Credit Refund Claim (MCS-1789) are due.

IFTA/Motor Fuel Tax Renewals

The grace period to place your new decals on the vehicle(s) expired March 1, 2002. If you have not renewed and placed the decals on your vehicle(s), you will be subject to fines and penalties for failure to be in compliance. Remember, if your license is **revoked** for failure to file or for non payment, this information will be entered into the **National STate On-Line Enforcement Network (STOLEN)** database, and enforcement officers may impound your vehicle. Please contact the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Section at (317) 615-7345, if you have any questions or problems.

IRP Updates

Late Payment Penalty - Remember that if your renewal payment is postmarked after the prescribed due date shown on the renewal billing statement, you will be subject to the five percent (5%) late payment penalty.

California Semitrailers - Effective January 1, 2002, the State of California no longer registers semitrailers. This means that all Indiana IRP registered semitrailers will only pay Indiana fees, and the cab cards will not reflect any jurisdictions. All power units apportioning for the State of California will be registered at the vehicle's combined gross weight, and that combined gross weight will be reflected on the cab card, rather than the unladen weight.

Higher Bills - If you found that the amount due on your billing statement is higher than anticipated, please note that there have been fee increases for California, Colorado, and Georgia, as well as the Indiana Excise Tax.

Sixty-Day Permit Audits - The IRP Unit is in the process of auditing all Sixty-Day Temporary Permits issued prior to April 1, 2002. Billing statements for transactions that have not been previously processed will be sent to carriers upon completion. Please keep in mind that when you order a Sixty-Day Temporary Permit, you are obligated to complete the transaction, regardless of the time frame for which the permit was used.

Indiana Titling Transactions - Just a reminder that the IRP Unit is able to process Indiana Title applications for commercial motor vehicles for carriers that have an active IRP account.

Reminder: The CDL Physical Exam Information is Automated!

Commercial drivers and authorized companies can check the processing status of a Department of Transportation (DOT) physical examination form, 24 hours a day, seven days a week! This service is available to individual drivers and to companies; however, companies must register with us and receive an authorization number.

Drivers will need either their nine (9) digit Social Security Number or their ten (10) digit driver's license number when they call. If a motor carrier company wants to check on the status of its drivers, the company must file Form CDL-VRU with us to apply for an authorization number.

Commercial Drivers' Licenses (CDL's) are valid for four (4) years, contingent upon valid medical certification. However, the medical examiner certifies the driver's physical fitness for a period of up to only two (2) years. Since the CDL endorsement is valid only as long as the driver remains medically qualified, the driver has to have a second physical exam, and should file another DOT physical exam form before the first medical certification expires during each four (4) year period.

If anything is missing from the form, or if any of the examination results do not meet the CDL qualifications, the medical certification cannot be approved, and the CDL endorsement is revoked. This automated service provides instant access to your CDL medical exam processing status.

Drivers can call **(317) 615-7433** today and begin using this service! Call Carolyn Hill at (317) 615-7339 if you have questions or problems. You may also call Ms. Hill to get an Authorization Application form, or you may download the form from our web site at www.in.gov/dor/mcs/formlist.html.

Motor Carrier Services Telephone Numbers

Intrastate Carrier Services

CDL (317) 615-7335
Indiana USDOT (317) 615-7350
Superload Permits (317) 615-7325
Indiana State Police (317) 615-7373
Motor Carrier Fuel Tax
(317) 615-7345
Base Plate Registration
(317) 615-7330
Indiana Operating Authority
(317) 615-7290
Oversize/Overweight Vehicle
Permitting
(317) 615-7320

Interstate Carrier Services

CDL (317) 615-7335
IRP (317) 615-7340
IFTA (317) 615-7345
SSRS (317) 615-7350
Titles (317) 615-7330
Superload Permits (317) 615-7325
Indiana State Police (317) 615-7373
Oversize/Overweight Vehicle
Permitting (317) 615-7320

Fax Numbers

CDL (317) 821-2340
IRP/IFTA (317) 821-2335
Insurance (317) 821-2339
Titles/Base Plate Registration
(317) 615-7388
Oversize/Overweight/Superload
(317) 821-2336

Oversized/Overweight Vehicle Permits

Did you know?

If you do not fill out your oversized and/or overweight vehicle permit forms to reflect **exactly** what is issued from our office, and you are stopped by the Indiana State Police, your permit can be confiscated by the Motor Carrier Officer, and you may not be able to move your load until a new permit is obtained from our office.

Generally, you complete the permit form, M-233, and fax, telephone, or walk it into our office. We then review your permit application to see if you need to make any changes. If changes are needed we contact you so that you can correct your M-233 and resend it to us.

When we call you with your permit number, we will also tell you the expiration date and fee for the permit. It is your responsibility to make sure that the permit in the vehicle is the permit that was issued by our office.

Please remember to fill out your permits completely and make any changes of which we have notified you. The permit that you carry in your vehicle must match what we have on file; otherwise your account will be placed in a violation status and you will be unable to obtain permits until that status is resolved, which could cost your company precious time and money.

